SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Thank you, Sir, for giving me the opportunity to ask, for the first time, a Starred Question. ...(*Interruptions*)... I am grateful to the hon. Minister for a very detailed reply, with four annexures. He has rightly said in his reply that works need to be taken up, correctly Sir, with emphasis on unskilled workmen. My point is, it is important to give work rather than only wages. Of the information provided, how much work or employment has been given which is productive, with work, and how much only wages, without any work.

श्री सभापति: ठीक है। Question Hour is over ...(*Interruptions*)...

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Inclusion of Rajasthani language in the Eighth Schedule

*301. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the unanimous resolution passed by the Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha to include Rajasthani language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the action/decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Matter is under examination.

Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana

*307. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding the target fixed for Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana for the year 2005-06;

(b) on what basis such a target was fixed;

(c) whether it is a fact that this Yojana has not been able to meet the annual target;

(d) if so, the reason for the under achievement; and

(e) what steps are being taken to improve the performance of this Yojana during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Considering the nature of benefit and eligibility criteria prescribed under Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana, no target can be fixed. Insured Persons covered under ESI Scheme and going out of insurable employment involuntarily on or after 1st April, 2005, on account of closure of a factory of establishment, retrenchment, or permanent invalidity arising out of non-employment injury, after being in an insurable employment and having contributd under the scheme for five or more years, are entitled to claim unemployment allowance not less than 50% of wages, for a maximum period of 6 months during entire service.

(e) The Scheme has been widely publicised through newspapers, posters, as also through holding of seminars by the Regional Director/ Joint Directors in the Regions/Sub-Regions in the year 2005. Nearly 50,000 posters highlighting the benefit available under the scheme have been printed and distributed. In addition, extension of time for submission of the applications, was raised from 3 months to another 3 months (total 6 months) from the date of loss of employment by the Insured Persons. In the current year, also, publicity of the Scheme has been intensified.

Pending court cases about Defence deals

*311. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in various courts with regard to defence procurement and related issues;

(b) the number of cases in which charge-sheets have been filed but trials have not begun;

(c) the total amount involved in all these cases; and

(d) the total number of persons presently in custody?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) The Question seeks information relating to cases pending in various courts in